

Annexation Plan

In the Council Corner section of the January/February 2005 issue of Your City newsletter, City Council President Betty Bode explained the City of Beaverton's annexation policy and why the Council chose to implement it. The implementation of the annexation policy reinvigorated on going discussions with Washington County about Beaverton's annexation strategy, leading to approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the County for the purpose of establishing an "Interim Urban Services Plan" for the Beaverton area.

The agreement will remain in effect until a final urban service agreement between the City, the County and affected special service districts (e.g., Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Clean Water Services, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Tualatin Valley Water District, etc.) is approved pursuant to Chapter 195 of the Oregon Revised Statutes, or for ten years if a final agreement cannot be reached. The agreement addresses the roles and responsibilities of the City and the County in regard to provision of municipal services to and annexation of unincorporated areas around the city in stating the following:

- The City is the appropriate long term provider of municipal services to areas shown on maps attached to the agreement, except for those services that are to be provided by a special or county service district. Over the long term, the maps indicate the City will annex most urban land within the Beaverton School District that is not within another city.
- The County will not oppose annexation of unincorporated properties within the designated area. This area is generally defined by the Multnomah County line on the east; Scholls Ferry Road and Barrows Road on the south; 185th Avenue, the light rail tracks, 170th Avenue, and the regional Urban Growth Boundary on the west; and the Sunset Highway on the north with the exception of properties presently in the City and the Providence St. Vincent Medical Center campus.
- The City will coordinate with the County to develop and implement a strategy for annexing larger neighborhoods in the designated area, such as Cedar Hills.
- For the term of the agreement, the City will not annex property not shown on the map attached to the agreement unless consented to by the County.
- The City shall not provide services outside of the designated area with the condition that annexation is required, although the City is not obligated to provide service to that area.
- The County will work with the City to resolve remaining "double taxation" issues resulting from use of County property tax revenues paid by owners of property in the City for service primarily benefiting unincorporated residents and businesses.
- The City will not oppose creation of additional districts by the County to serve designated areas so long as the new district(s) would "sunset" no later than ten years after formation.
- The City and the County will work to adopt a final urban service agreement for some or all of the unincorporated areas around Beaverton, as shown on the map attached to the agreement. This agreement should address issues such as water service, potential employee and equipment transfers, and other matters as necessary and appropriate.

- The City and the County agree to work to complete a memorandum of understanding within two months of the date of the agreement specifying the process for the County to provide the City with information relating to its most recent land use decisions for annexed properties.